सूचना और प्रसारण तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) जबकि इस समय मध्य प्रदेश की लगभग 57·4 प्रतिशत आबादी को दूरदर्शन सेवा उपलब्ध है, लेकिन राज्य चलाई जा रही परियोजनाओं के पूरा हो जाने पर इस सेवा के बढ़कर लगभग 69 प्रतिशत आबादी तक पहुंचने की आशा है।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का यह प्रयास है कि राज्य के कवर न हुये भागों में दूरदर्शन सेवा का यथाशीघ्र विस्तार किया जाए लेकिन इस समय ऐसे विस्तार का ब्यौरा बनाना सम्भव नहीं है क्योंकि योजना आयोग द्वारा अभी तक आठवीं योजना का आबंटन नहीं किया गया है।

Telephone Exchange in Shastri Nagar of Meerut City

2523. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned establishment of a telephone exchange in Shastri Nagar residential colony of Meerut city; and

(b) whether construction has started on it if so, by when it is likely to go into operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNCATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The project for establishment of a telephone exchange in Shastri Nagar Colony of Meerut City is under process of sanction.

(b) Construction of exchange building and installation of exchange will commence soon after the sanction of the project. The telephone exchange is likely to be commissioned during the year 1992-93.

Setting up a Regional Office of the National Film Development Corporation at Guwahati

2524. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any propsal to set up a Regional Office of the National Film Development Corporation at Guwahati for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The Board of Directors of the National Film Development Corporation has recently decided to set up a sub-office of the Corporation at Guwahati for the North Eastern Region.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up a regional unit of the film Censor Board at Guwahati

2525. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Regional Unit of the Film Censor Board at Guwahati for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Board of Film Certification has regional offices at

Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Hyderabad and New Delhi. The existing Calcutta office caters to the States in the North Eastern Region, apart from Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. Taking into account the number of films produced in the North Eastern Region, Government do not consider it necessary to set up a separate regional office of the Board at Guwahati at this stage.

Special criteria for telecasting regional pictures by the Doordarshan

2526. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special criteria for telecasting regional films by the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A regional feature film in order to be eligible for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan on Sunday is required to satisfy any of the following criteria:

I. Awards won in National Film Festivals:

(a) Award for the Best or second Best Feature Film of the year (in all languages combined).

(b) The Indira Gandhi Award for Best first film of a Director.

(c) Award for best film providing popular and wholesome entertainment.

(d) The Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration.

(e) Best film on Family Welfare.

(f) Best film on other social issues such as prohibition, women and child welfare, anti-dowry, drug abuse, etc.

(g) President's Award of 'Rajat Kamal' for the Best Feature Film in a regional language.

II. Other criteria

(a) Entry in the Indian Panorama/Mainstream Sections of any International Film Festival of India/ Filmotsav.

(b) Films which have celebrated Silver Jubilee (having run continuously for 25 weeks) and carry a 'U' certificate.

Installing of R.L.U. at Cumballa Hill, Peddar Road Bombay

2527. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1463 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) the reasons for not installing 8000 line capacity Romote Line Unit in the year 1989-90 at Cumballa Hill, Peddar Road Bombay;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Second Unit of R.L.U. which was to be installed in this financial year will also be delayed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the R.L.U. instead of serving only Peddar Road area a decided earlier will now serve only '86' Cumdevi Exchange Area;

(d) the reasons for delay of installing the R.L.Us and extending the facility to "36" Exchange instead of a fixed area; and

(e) by when the 18000 line New Electronic Exchange at Cumballa Hill is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The installation of the RLU planned for Cumballa Hill has not been dropped but its physical location has been shifted to Gamdevi Exchange building. It would still continue to serve the areas for which it